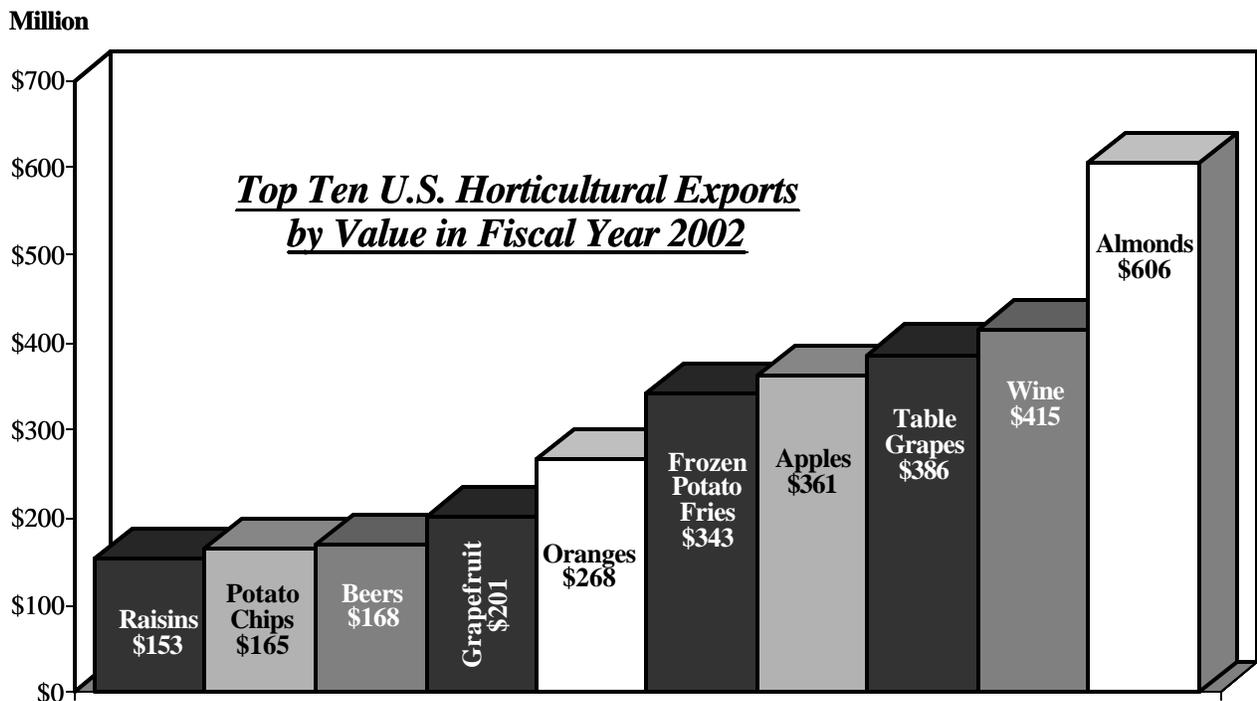




FAS Quarterly Reference Guide To World Horticultural Trade: *World Production, Supply, and Distribution of Key Products*

Almonds Top U.S. Exports of Horticultural Products



Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census
U.S. Fiscal Year (October-September)

Total U.S. shipments of horticultural products in fiscal year (FY) 2002 (October 2001-September 2002) were valued at \$11.1 billion, slightly above exports in FY 2001. Sales of tree nuts, led by almonds, were up 9 percent to \$1.2 billion. Other major categories with increased exports included essential oils (up 13 percent to \$764 million), fruit and vegetable juices (up 1 percent to \$728 million), and fresh vegetables (1 percent more at \$1.2 billion). All other major categories declined in FY 2002. Canada continues to be the main market for U.S. horticultural exports, with combined sales in FY 2002 reaching \$3.6 billion, 7 percent more than in FY 2001. On the other hand, U.S. horticultural exports to the EU fell about 2 percent to \$2 billion, while sales to Japan were down 6 percent to \$1.5 billion. Exports to Mexico, our third largest single country market, were up 2 percent to nearly \$1 billion. Almonds continue to lead U.S. horticultural exports, followed by wine, table grapes, and fresh apples. Expansion of the international fast food industry, product quality, rising incomes, tariff reductions, and ongoing Market Access Program activities should continue to drive demand for U.S. horticultural products.